



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.7

Soil moisture supplies: 38% very short, 42% short, 19% adequate, and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report

Beautiful, cooler weather combined with a few scattered thunderstorms and showers across the state this week provided a little relief from the arid conditions throughout Louisiana. Cotton and soybean harvests neared completion. Sweet potato and sugarcane harvests remained well ahead of the five-year average. Sugarcane harvest proceeded very well at 34 percent, nine points ahead of the five-year average. Sugar recovery has been excellent, field conditions good, and mills were doing a good job of processing the cane. Second crop rice harvest was progressing well, and most farmers reported good yields. Winter wheat plantings were well underway at 23 percent, seven points ahead of the five-year average. Some producers prepared fields for next spring.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Higher pecan prices encouraged people to harvest backyard trees. Citrus growers harvested and marketed satsumas. Producers planted strawberry plants and harvested greens and tomatoes. Cabbage fields were sprayed to control insects. Vegetable producers irrigated fields. Crawfish producers pumped to maintain shallow flood levels in fields. Some producers have pumped for thirty days or more to maintain floods under these dry conditions.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Dry field conditions hindered winter pasture development. Also, dry conditions increased salt concentrations in drinking water for cattle in the marshlands of the southern parts of Louisiana. Livestock were doing well. Cattlemen marketed calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	97	94	33	83
Pecans	Harvested	40	21	28	33
Soybeans	Harvested	99	96	79	94
Sugarcane	Harvested	34	26	26	25
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	86	84	47	73
Winter Wheat	Planted	23	16	15	16
	Emerged	7	4	4	3

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	1	9	26	41	23
Livestock	5	19	43	29	4
Vegetables	17	28	37	18	0
Pasture	27	36	27	9	1

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/25/10 TO 10/31/10

	AIR				WEEKLY TOTAL	PRECIPITATION		
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM		FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	90	33	65	61	0.27	0.72	19.88	42.15
Minden	89	33	64	61	1.64	2.02	27.86	44.91
Mooringsport	88	35	65	MM	0.72	1.85	31.04	38.46
Extreme/Average	90	33	65	61	0.88	1.53	26.26	43.15
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	91	31	65	61	0.21	0.41	26.82	45.44
Homer/Hill Farm	87	(29)	62	60	0.68	0.86	27.89	45.41
ULM-Monroe	90	35	66	61	0.18	1.51	28.87	47.01
Columbia Lock	91	38	68	MM	0.10	1.08	21.10	48.42
Extreme/Average	91	29	65	61	0.29	0.97	26.17	46.38
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	87	39	66	61	1.27	2.18	24.89	47.96
LSU-St Joseph	88	37	67	62	0.62	1.43	29.81	45.83
LSU-Winnsboro	89	35	67	61	0.64	2.03	27.16	45.62
Tallulah	87	35	66	61	0.15	0.52	27.37	47.35
Extreme/Average	89	35	66	62	0.67	1.54	27.31	46.67
4. West-Central								
Leesville	(92)	32	70	62	0.28	0.76	24.91	46.40
LSU-Rosepine	92	36	71	63	0.08	2.65	33.63	47.81
Extreme/Average	92	32	71	62	0.18	1.71	MM.MM	45.52
5. Central								
Alexandria	92	40	72	64	0.31	1.64	35.84	49.29
Bunkie	90	38	70	64	0.07	1.48	43.20	49.99
LSU-Alexandria	91	38	70	63	0.40	1.69	33.88	47.71
Extreme/Average	92	38	71	64	0.26	1.60	37.64	49.54
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	87	38	70	MM	0.16	0.80	42.46	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	87	38	70	64	0.02	1.80	38.64	51.49
Amite	90	33	71	63	0.05	1.09	40.55	55.53
LSU-Hammond	89	36	70	64	0.14	1.06	39.91	53.85
Slidell	86	41	70	65	0.19	0.37	54.71	52.84
Extreme/Average	90	33	70	64	0.11	1.02	43.25	53.83
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	92	38	71	64	0.00	0.78	33.04	49.46
Jennings	89	39	73	65	0.02	1.63	40.91	50.16
LSU-Crowley	87	41	71	65	0.07	1.75	36.29	50.05
Extreme/Average	92	38	72	65	0.03	1.39	36.75	50.99
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	39	70	65	0.02	1.53	45.67	52.31
LSU-Jeanerette	88	42	71	65	0.31	1.71	47.98	53.00
Morgan City	86	50	72	66	0.99	1.82	36.01	55.46
Extreme/Average	88	39	71	66	0.44	1.69	46.83	53.46
9. Southeast								
Galliano	85	49	73	67	1.57	1.57	54.64	56.78
Houma	88	42	72	66	0.91	1.20	47.87	54.72
Terrytown 3S	88	51	73	MM	0.10	0.38	47.32	MM.MM
Reserve	87	46	72	65	0.57	0.93	47.58	55.32
Extreme/Average	88	42	73	67	0.79	1.02	49.94	54.70
State								
Extremes/Averages	92	29	70	64	0.37	1.36	36.94	50.01

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through October 31, 2010

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